

## SQUIBS FROM THE WATER FRONT

### BLANKET OF HEAVY FOG ENVELOPED THE HARBOR YESTERDAY.

It looks as if anyone who covered the waterfront yesterday would have to be "right in a fog" for the ultra-heavy vapor clung close to shore, and prevented vision past one's nose almost.

Out of the fog came the dragger Marie and Winnifred with another tale of woe. Alex McDonald is certainly having hard luck with this craft of which Capt. Jerome Noble is the skipper. On her recent trip to Georges, the vessel unfortunately fished over a wreck, and the nets became torn and caught by the dreaded "macaroni" on the bottom. Two nets and doors were lost or ruined, and the result is that even the stock of \$500 realized for the small catch of fish, will not make up the difference.

Macaroni, they tell Squibs, is a sort of coral growth on the ocean's bed, which certainly can raise havoc with the nets that try to mingle with it.

Several swordfishermen left this morning, headed toward Georges in quest of swordfish. There were the Mary D'Eon, Capt. Fay D'Eon; Annie and Mary, Capt. Colin Powers, America, Capt. Gilbert Lafford; Louis A. Thebaud, Capt. Percy Pieroway; Josephine and Margaret, Capt. Bert Perry; while the Huntington Sanford, Capt. Edward Lasley, sailed yesterday afternoon.

Once again the harbor is getting to be a lonely place with over half the entire array of schooners back to work.

Griffin & Company, coal dealers, with their business on Commercial street, are receiving 1030 tons of hard and soft coal today from the coal barge Pickering of Philadelphia, Capt. Eric Anderson. The coal is from Port Richmond, Philadelphia. The Pickering arrived last night.

Capt. Jeff Thomas is expected to sail again today in the sch. Adventure, bound for the halibut grounds, while Capt. Robertson "Strings" Giffen, is also expected to leave in sch. Hesperus, another halibuter, before tonight.

### SQUIBS.

#### N. F. Codfish.

The heavy catch of fish reported from Iceland continues, but it is reported that an effort is being made to restrict it. The Oporto market is overstocked. Large quantities of salt bulk fish has gone into Oporto and is being dried there. The demand in the Italian markets has suffered because of hot weather. No local stocks are available. The report furnished by Capt. Oldford and D. J. Davies, when referring to this market, states that the flavour of Newfoundland fish is preferred. Labrador cure, however, has not been satisfactory and drastic measures must be taken if the market is to be regained. Northern Brazil is absorbing available stocks in a satisfactory manner, and it is reported that shipments are booked to go forward this month. According to the Maritime Merchant the Lunenburg fleet are now out on their second Spring trip. The early Spring trip is said to have averaged about 600 quintals per vessel and is expected to be ready for market within a month's time. St. John's, N. F., Herald and Trade Review.

#### Set Haddock Traps

The Ingonish trap companies have set their haddock traps this week, and a few quintals of haddock are being caught. Lobsters are reported very scarce.

## RECEIPTS LIGHT AT THIS PORT

### ACTIVITIES OF SWORDFISHING FLEET PREDOMINATE THE WATERFRONT JUST NOW.

Only two small trawlers arrived here since yesterday noon, having but 1500 pounds of cod in all, while 11 gill netters had 11,000 pounds of cod.

Preparations for swordfishing occupy the attention of the waterfront at present and boats are leaving daily to engage in this branch of fishing, hoping that the price will hold to a point that will prove profitable.

#### Gloucester Arrivals and Receipts.

The arrivals and fares in detail: Florence C., trawling, 1000 lbs. cod. C2301, trawling, 500 lbs. cod. Rose Marie, via Boston.

#### Yesterday's Gill Net Receipts.

Virginia and Joan, 1500 lbs. cod. Edna Fae, 1200 lbs. cod. Agnes and Myrnie, 1000 lbs. cod. Lucretia, 1000 lbs. cod. Enterprise, 1000 lbs. cod. Phyllis A., 1000 lbs. cod. Nashawena, 1000 lbs. cod. Liboria C., 1000 lbs. cod. Eliza C. Riggs, 1000 lbs. cod. C. A. Meister, 1000 lbs. cod. Myrtle and Gladys, 300 lbs. cod.

#### Sailed.

Salvatore, seining. St. Theresa, seining. Leretha, seining. Alden, seining. Alicia, seining. St. Providenza I., seining. Santa Maria, seining. Salvatore and Rosalie, seining. Marietta and Mary, seining. Bethulia, seining. Grace F., seining. Hoop-la, seining. Dacia, seining. Antonina, seining. Nova Julia, seining. Angie and Vence, seining. Huntington Sanford, swordfishing. Mary D'Eon, swordfishing. Louis A. Thebaud, swordfishing. Annie and Mary, swordfishing. America, swordfishing. Josephine and Margaret, swordfishing. Jorgina Silveira, swordfishing. Andrew and Rosalie, swordfishing.

### TIMES FISH MARKET.

#### Salt Fish.

Large salt trawl cod, \$2.50 per cwt.; medium, \$1.50. Large cusk, \$1.50; medium, \$1. Hake, \$1. Fish not gilled, large cod, 20 cents less; medium cod, 15 cents less.

#### Splitting Prices.

Large fresh cod, \$1.50 per cwt.; medium, \$1; snappers, 50 cents. Haddock, 50 cents. Hake, 60 cents. Pollock, 50 cents. Large cusk, 75 cents; medium, 50 cents.

#### Bait Report

Canso—No bait. Ice available. No vessels in port. Halifax—Twenty thousand pounds frozen herring available. Liverpool—Plenty ice available. But for local use only Drifters getting fairly good catches of herring. Lockport—Limited quantity of bait.

Lunenburg—No bait. Plenty ice available. Schooners Delawana Second, Isabella Spindler, Mary Hirtle, Irene Mary, Howard Donald and Daisy Marguerite arrived from Banks. North Sydney—Only few barrels fresh herring available. No frozen bait. Plenty ice.

Port Hawkesbury—Fifty thousand pounds frozen herring and plenty of ice available.

Queensport—Twenty barrels herring in traps. Some mackerel taken here and vicinity. No vessels in port. St. Anns—Herring scarce. Two vessels waiting for bait.

Shelburne—Forty thousand pounds frozen herring available.

Yarmouth—Plenty fresh and frozen bait and ice available.

Grindstone—Plenty herring and ice available at Amherst, Gull Island, Hospital Cape, Grindstone and Point Basse.

#### Oporto Market.

Messrs. Holmes & Co. Ltd., writing under date May 4 gives stocks at Oporto at that date as follows: Newfoundland, 23,317; Norwegian, 3506; Iceland and other cures, 28,343; total, 55,166.

Stocks have been reduced very insignificantly since our last report of May 11, owing to the several arrivals.

## BAKER'S DOZEN AT BOSTON PIER

### TWO SEINERS AMONG THEM—MARKET CONTINUES FAIRLY STRONG.

Thirteen arrivals were listed in the fleet at the Boston fish pier this morning. Two of them were mackerel seiners with 29,000 pounds between them and the market continued strong with the price at 8 to 10 cents per pound. The other arrivals brought in 460,000 pounds of groundfish and 80,000 pounds of mixed fish. Haddock sold at \$2 to \$3; large cod, \$2 to \$3 and markets, \$1.50 to \$2.

The Yarmouth boat in yesterday brought a shipment of 245 crates of live lobsters.

#### Boston Arrivals and Receipts.

The arrivals and fares in detail: Str. Newton, 85,000 haddock, 2500 cod, 10,000 mixed fish. Str. Harvard, 90,000 haddock, 2000 cod, 8000 mixed fish. Rainbow, 30,000 haddock, 3000 cod, 10,000 mixed fish. Yankee, 50,000 haddock, 2000 cod, 6000 mixed fish. Marjorie Parker, 40,000 haddock, 24,000 cod, 8400 mixed fish. J. M. Marshall, 7500 haddock, 70,000 cod, 1100 mixed fish. Ingomar, 42,000 haddock, 5000 mixed fish. Jackson and Arthur, 2000 mixed fish.

Mayflower, 5000 mixed fish. Josie II., 2200 mixed fish. Fiore and Marino, 6500 mixed fish. Eddie and Lulu M., 4100 mixed fish. Santina D., 9000 mackerel. Leretha, 20,000 mackerel.

Haddock, \$2 to \$3 per cwt.; large cod, \$2 to \$3; market cod, \$1.50 to \$2; hake, \$1 to \$1.50; pollock, \$1 to \$1.50; gray sole, 2 1-2 cents per lb.; lemon sole, 7 cents; black backs, 2 cents; yellow tails, 2 1-2 cents; dabs, 1 1-2 cents; mackerel, 8 cents to 10 cents.

#### Portland News.

One of Portland's fleet of fishing schooners has already set out for the swordfishing season and the other 12 are tied up at local wharves in various stages of preparation. The Sunapee, Capt. Ed Smith, sailed Tuesday for waters between Block Island and Nantucket to meet the annual migration from southern to northern waters. Most of the remaining vessels will start fishing off the Georges Bank. The Barbara, Capt. Clarence Turner, planned to sail Wednesday, but was held at her berth at Central wharf by the weather outside. The Eleanor, Capt. Tom Brigham, took on her fuel Wednesday and the Alice M. Doughty, Capt. Albert Smith, refitted her sails. These three vessels hope to set out today if conditions are favorable.

The only groundfish fare reported Wednesday was 4000 pounds, landed by the Boston dragger, Rosie C., at the Willard-Daggett plant.

#### Lobster Notes.

The price for lobsters for canning advanced in Antigonish county on Thursday from 3 cents to 3 1-2 cents per pound. The larger lobsters are being shipped to Boston and Gloucester through the O. K. Service and the Nova Scotia Shipping Co., marking a new departure for the fishermen of Cape George. The returns so far have been encouraging, averaging about \$8 per hundredweight. The present Boston price is \$18 for 140 pound crates. It has been observed that the fishermen most careful in selecting the lobsters for shipment are receiving the best prices. The catch in this county so far is below average.